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RESPONSE TO REASONS FOR NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE

Dear Sir:

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the allowance of the claims in the present application. However, applicants must respectfully traverse the Examiner's Statements for Reasons for Allowance. In particular, reasons for allowance are only warranted in instances in which "the record of the prosecution as a whole does not make clear his or her reasons for allowing a claim or claims." (37 CFR §104(e)(2001)). In the present case, applicant believes that the record as a whole does make the reasons for allowance clear and therefore no statement by the Examiner is necessary or warranted. Furthermore, the applicant does not necessarily agree with each statement in the reasons for allowance.

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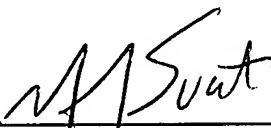
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Further, while applicants believe that the claims are allowable because of the failure of the prior art to teach or suggest the combination of limitations, applicants do not acquiesce that the patentability resides in selective limitations, exactly as expressed in the claims, nor that each feature is required for patentability.

Respectfully submitted,

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